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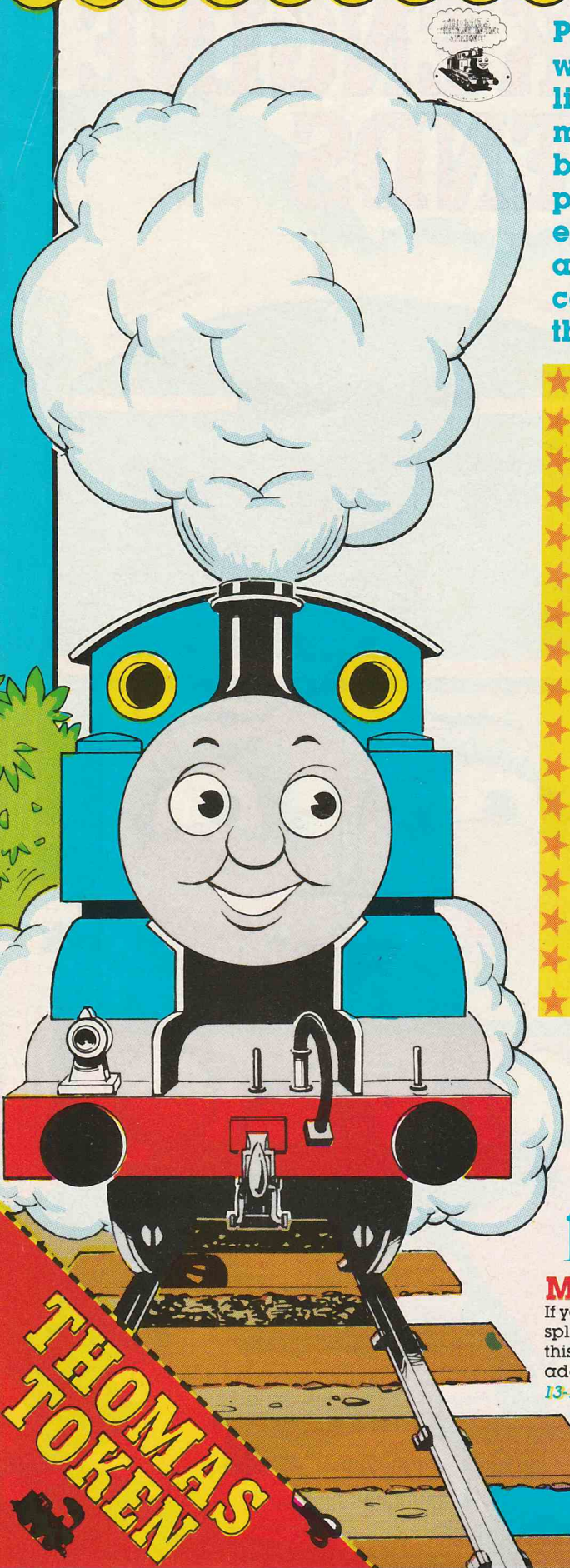

**Peep! Peep! Daisy the Diesel Railcar enjoys working on the Fat Controller's railway! She likes to think of herself as thoroughly modern and bang up to date! She also believes that she should only carry passengers and never pulls anything, especially dirty trucks! But one day, Bill and Ben decide to play a trick on Daisy! You can find out what it was by reading the story that begins opposite! Peep! Peep!**

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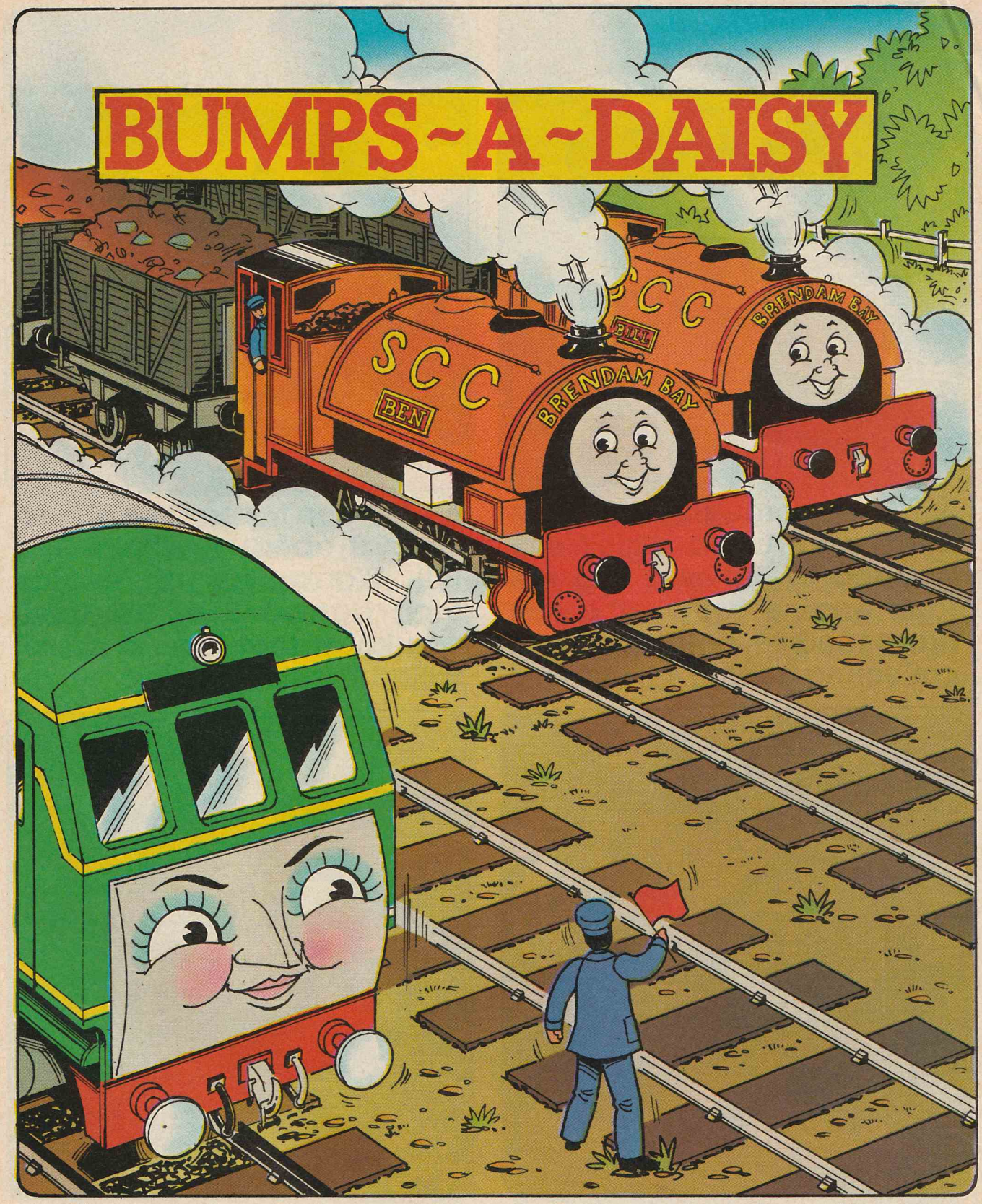
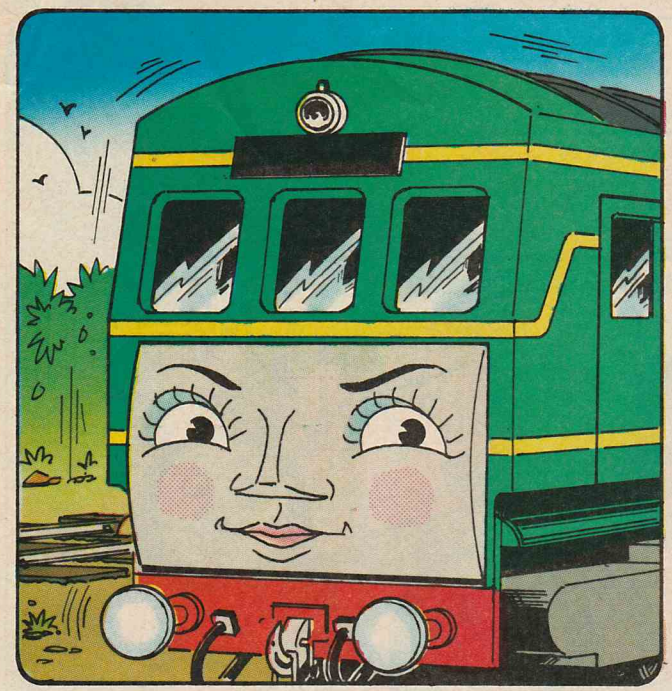
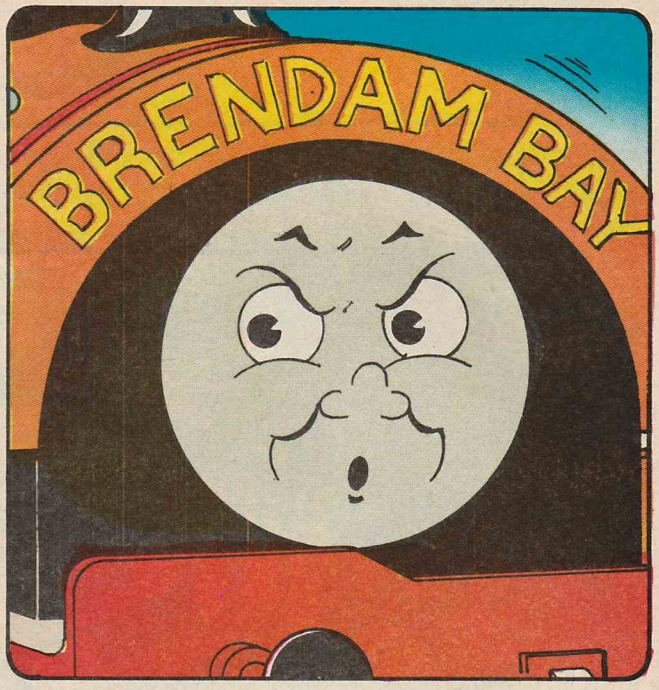



1. It was a lovely sunny day on the Island of Sodor. Daisy had just returned from the branch line run. She rolled smoothly across the yard of the Main Station.

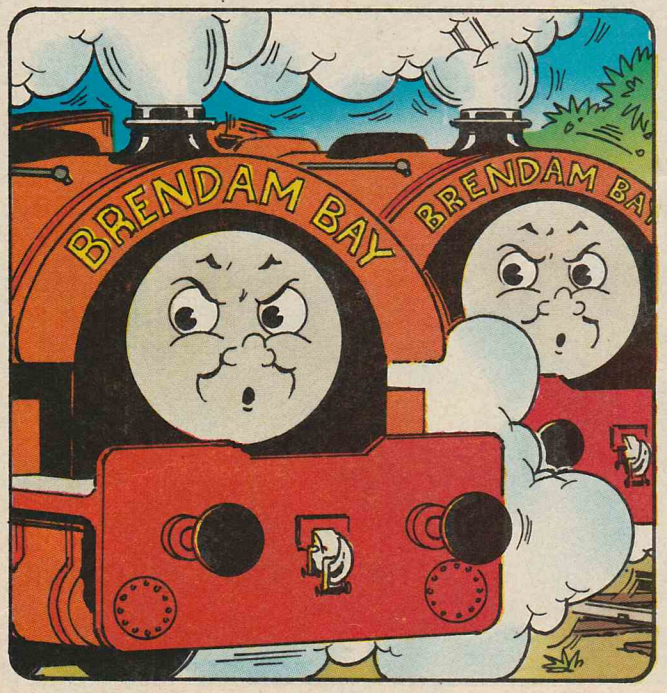
2. Daisy enjoyed working on the Fat Controller's railway. "I am a very special railcar indeed," Daisy would often proudly announce to the other steam engines.



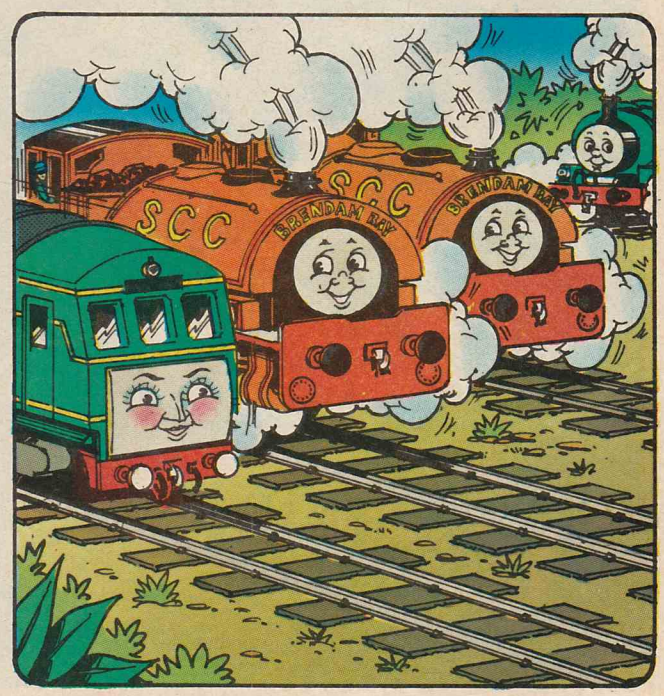
3. "I'm thoroughly modern and bang up to date," she boasted to Bill and Ben the tank engine twins, who just happened to be in the yard collecting trucks.



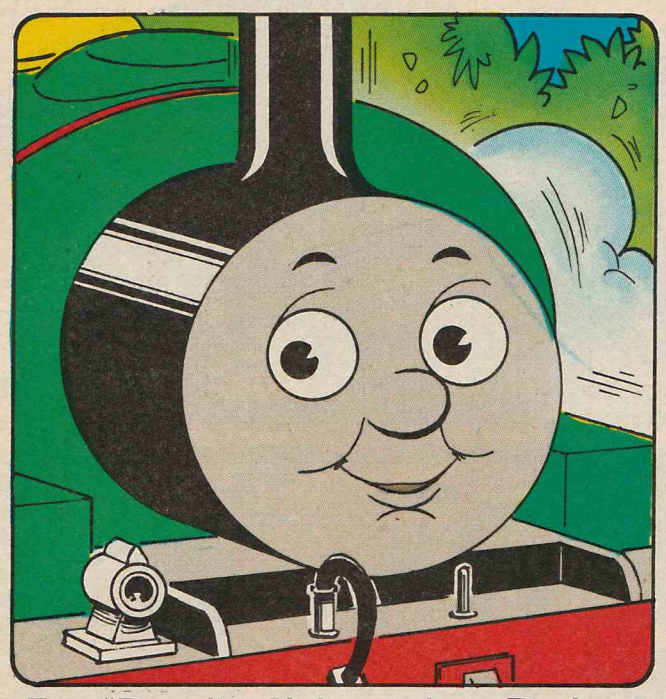

4. "I don't see what's so special about you!" shouted Bill. "You're just an engine too!" agreed Ben. "I'll have you know that I am a diesel railcar!" insisted Daisy.




5. "I don't go about bumping trucks for one thing!" said Daisy. "Bumping trucks!" gasped Bill. "We don't bump trucks, it's them who always bump us!" shouted Ben.

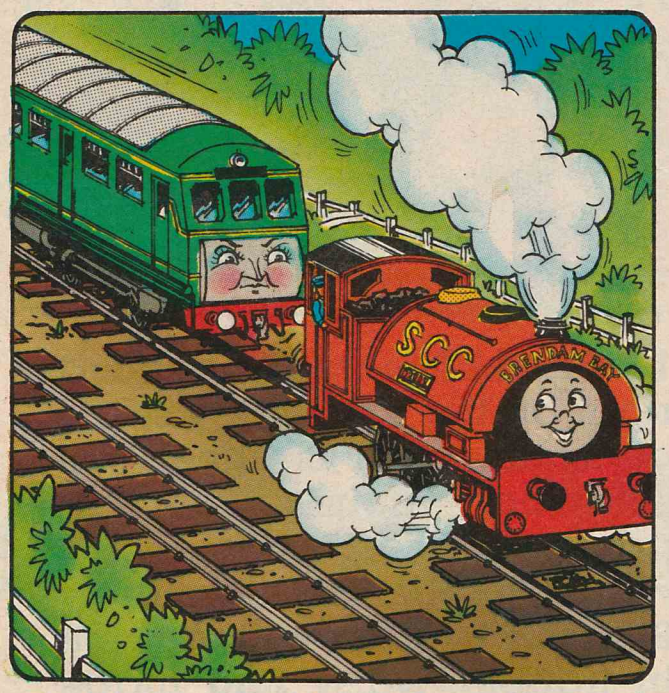



6. "We only bump them back," agreed Bill. "In which case they deserve it," added Ben. "Well, I never pull trucks at all," boasted Daisy. "I'm far too special to do that!"

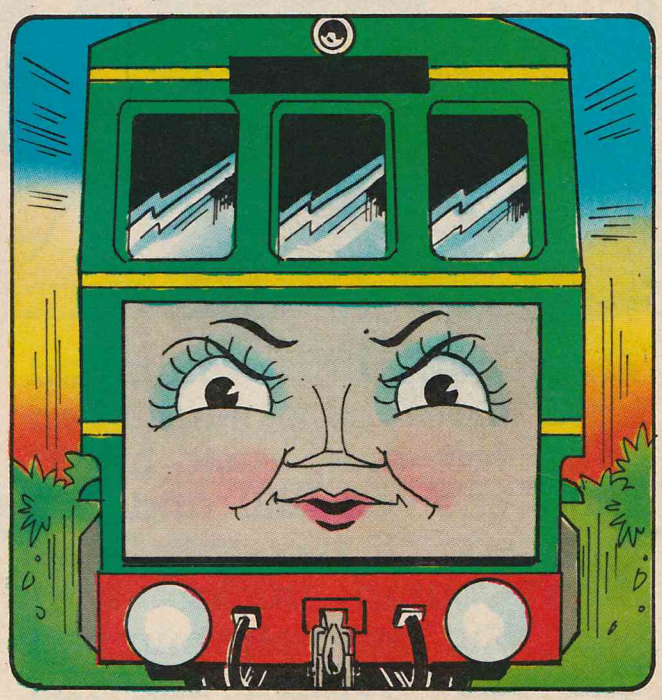


7. "Don't listen to Daisy," called Percy. "She hates pulling trucks because they can be troublesome!" "They make a nice clean railcar dirty!" grumbled Daisy.

8. Bill and Ben laughed at Daisy. It was true, Daisy hardly ever pulled any trucks. She had made quite a fuss one day when asked to take a milk truck.




9. Bill and Ben decided to play a trick on Daisy. The next day as Daisy approached the platform to pick up her passengers, she found Bill blocking the line.



10. "Excuse me," said Daisy. "I need to get by." "Sorry," said Bill. "I'm busy bumping trucks. You'll just have to go round." Daisy was fuming. She backed up and. . .

11. **Bang!** Daisy bumped hard into a truck behind her! "Who left that truck here?" Daisy shouted. Bill and Ben laughed. "I thought Daisy didn't bump trucks," said Ben. "She certainly bumped that one!" replied Bill. The poor truck had no brakes! It was sent flying along the track and then rolled into a siding!

12. **Crash!** The truck bounced right off the rails! It lay sadly on its side, with its wheels still spinning furiously. "What is going on here?" shouted the Fat Controller! Immediately Bill and Ben knew they were in trouble. Daisy **had** made them cross, but they didn't expect the truck to collapse and their plan to end like this at all!

THE END

**In our next issue: The backlog!**

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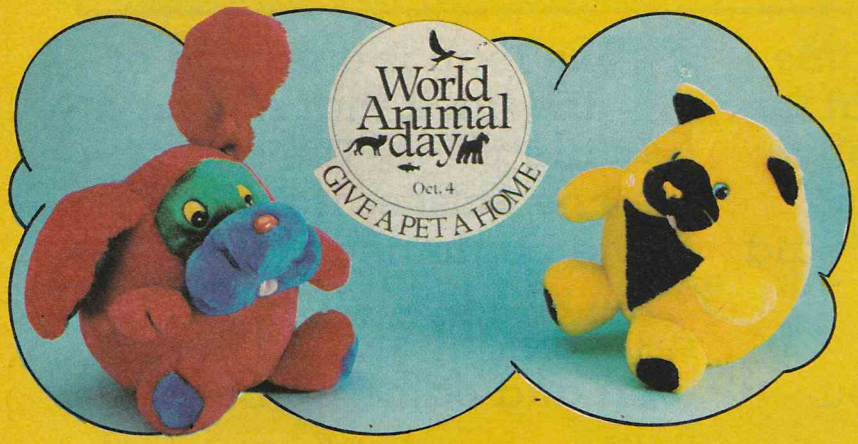


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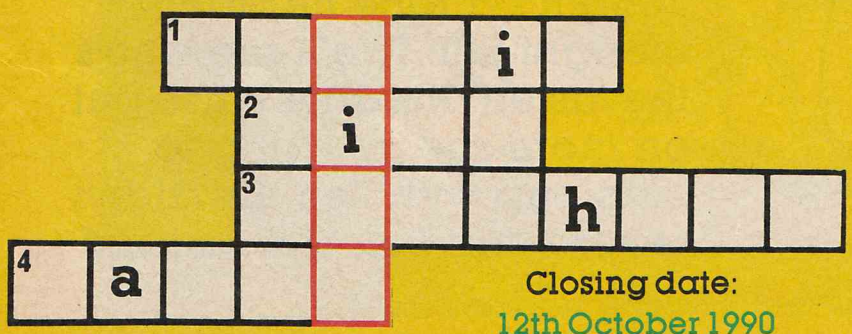


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**World Animal Day** (October 4th) has been passed down from generation to generation to commemorate the death of St. Francis of Assisi, the founder of the Franciscan Order of monks, who devoted his life to the care of animals. People all over the world honour this special date by paying tribute to the role that animals play in our lives and thinking of their well-being. In 1990 in the UK, four of the major animal welfare charities – **Battersea Dogs' Home, Wood Green Animal Shelters, National Canine Defence League** and the **Cat Protection League** – have linked to launch a re-housing appeal to coincide with **World Animal Day**. This appeal is called **'Give a Pet a Home'**. The appeal begins in September and anyone who feels they have a good home to offer an animal should contact their local shelter. A free leaflet explaining further details of **World Animal Day** and advice on pet ownership is also available if you send an sae to: *Dept P049, Cronin Courtyard, Corby, Northants NN18 8PS.*

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**A read-aloud story!**

# Round and Around!

Bill and Ben had come down to the yard at the Main Station to collect some trucks.

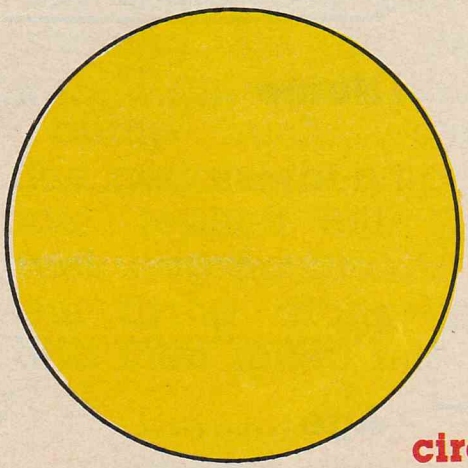
"You can go first, Bill," said Ben, when they were coupled up.

"No, no," said Bill. "You first. I insist."

"Nonsense," said Ben. "You are always first."

They were being very mischievous! At last they decided that Bill would go first as usual.

Bill and Ben didn't notice, but the points weren't set correctly and the two naughty engines travelled onto the loop!



circle

The loop is a section of the track that runs in a big circle! The end of the line finishes right back at the beginning!

Bill was in a hurry. He rushed right around the loop and came up behind Ben!

"That's funny," thought Bill. "We agreed that I should go first, and now Ben is ahead of me!"

Meanwhile, Ben was feeling rather worried. He hadn't seen Bill for quite some time.

"I'm being left behind!" he said. "I need to go faster!" His driver put on more speed. Soon he too had gone round the loop.

"So it's a race he wants," thought Bill. "We'll see who's the faster!" His driver also put on more speed, trying to catch up with Ben. He didn't realise that Ben was behind him!

Faster and faster they went, round and round in a circle! Finally the Fat Controller came to see what was going on. The signalman set a red signal and both the engines came to a halt.

"What is all this nonsense?" asked the Fat Controller.

"**I** was supposed to go first, sir," said Bill. "But Ben managed to get in front of me!"

"That's not true!" Ben protested. "You were the one in front, trying to leave **me** behind!"

"You silly engines," said the Fat Controller. "You've both been running on the loop!"

"In a circle?" asked Bill. "I wondered why it was taking so long to reach the quarry!"

The Fat Controller told the signalman to re-set the points so that Bill and Ben could come off the loop and finally get on with their work.

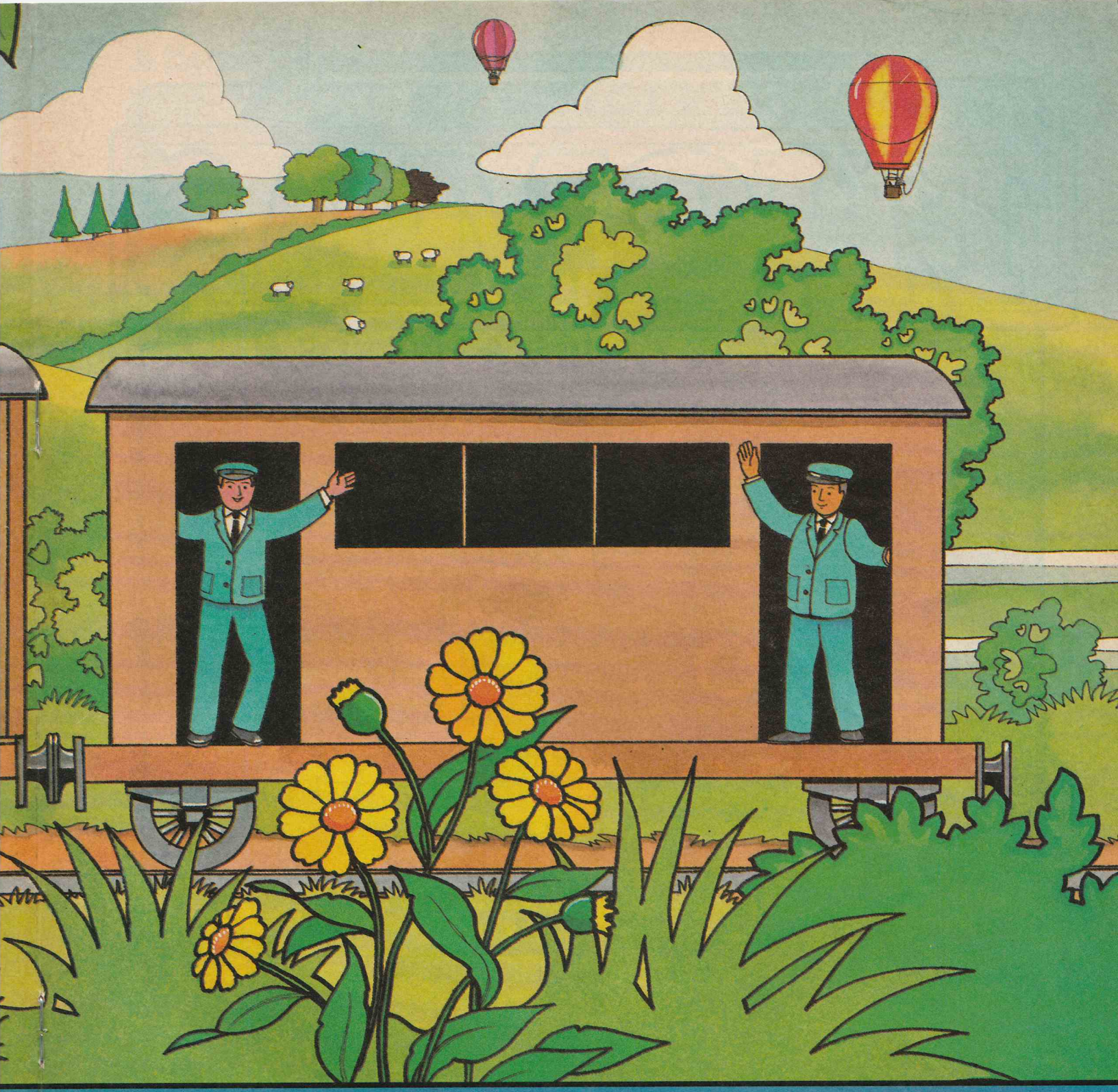
At last they were both on the right track!

**THE END**

PART 4

# COUNT WITH THE FAT CONTROLLER!

**Welcome to the fourth and last part of a very special counting mural I have for you! I do hope that you have collected the first three parts! When you've answered all the questions on the opposite page, make sure you hang this centrespread safely alongside the third part, on your wall! Now Thomas's train is complete! I'm sure you'll agree that Thomas must be very strong indeed to pull such a long train! Goodbye for now. . .**



How many horses can you see?

How many guards are waving?

How many oil drums are in the first truck?

How many sheep are in the fields?

How many hot air balloons are in there?

How many caterpillars can you see?

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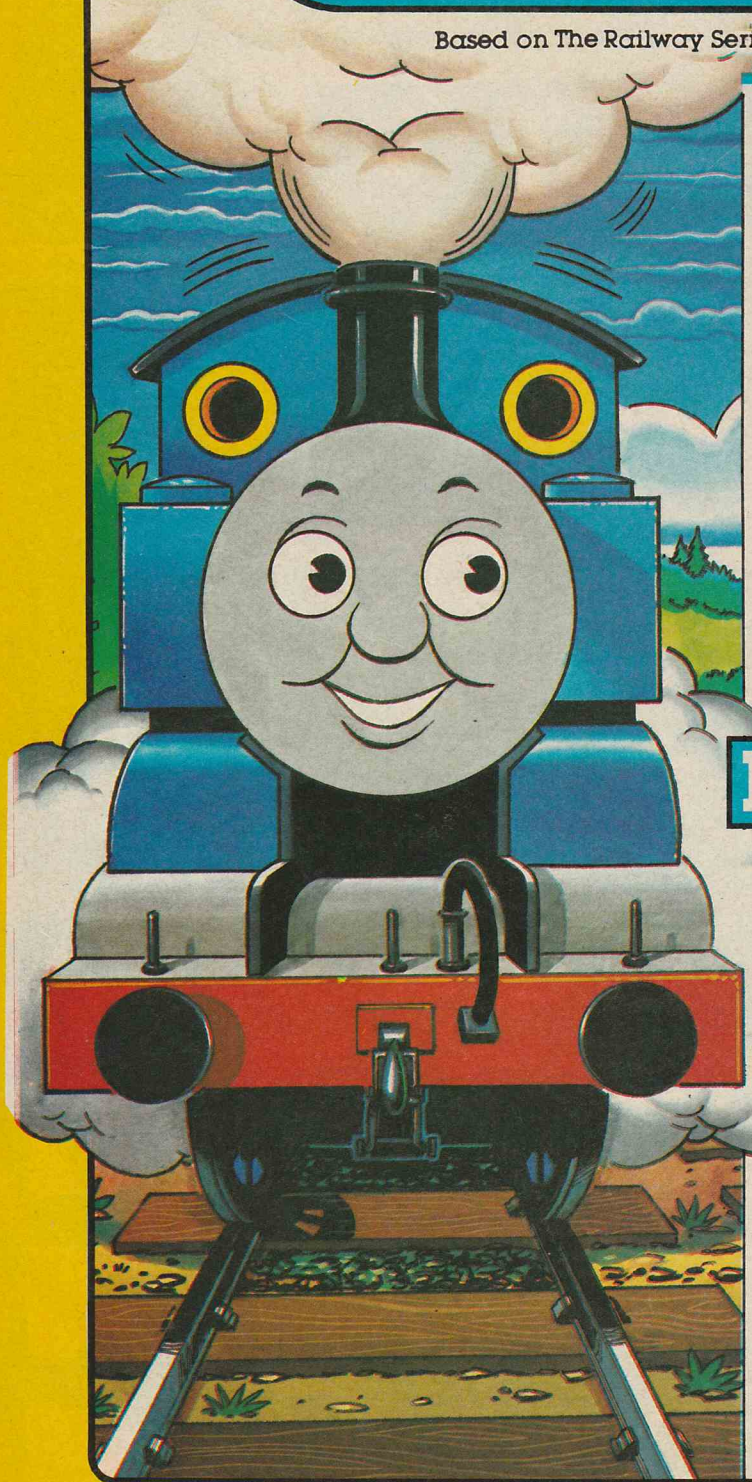

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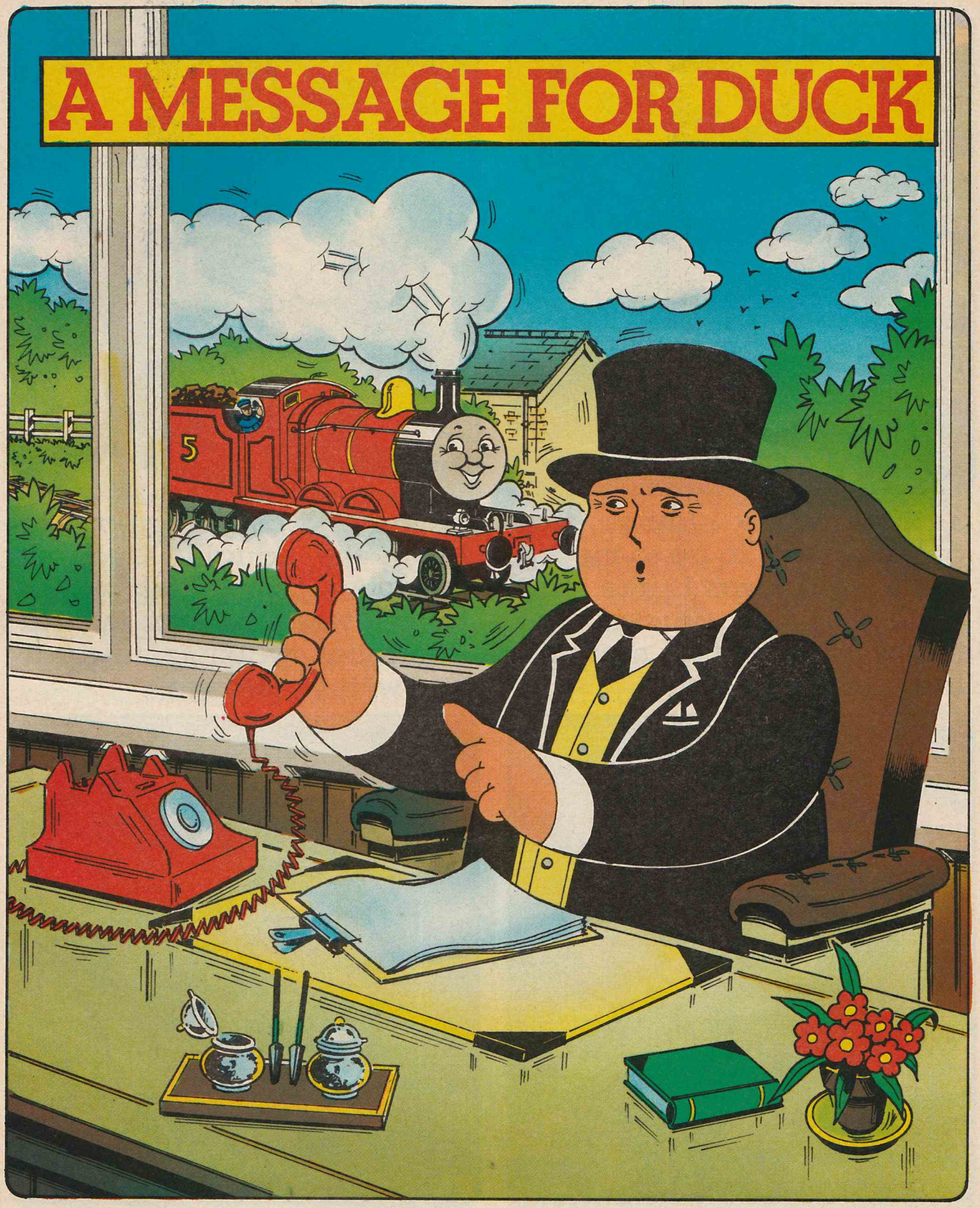
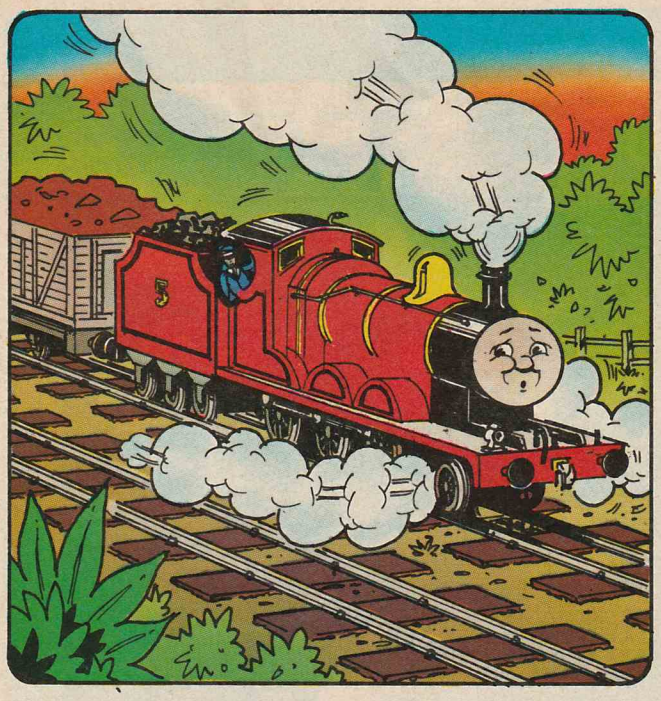
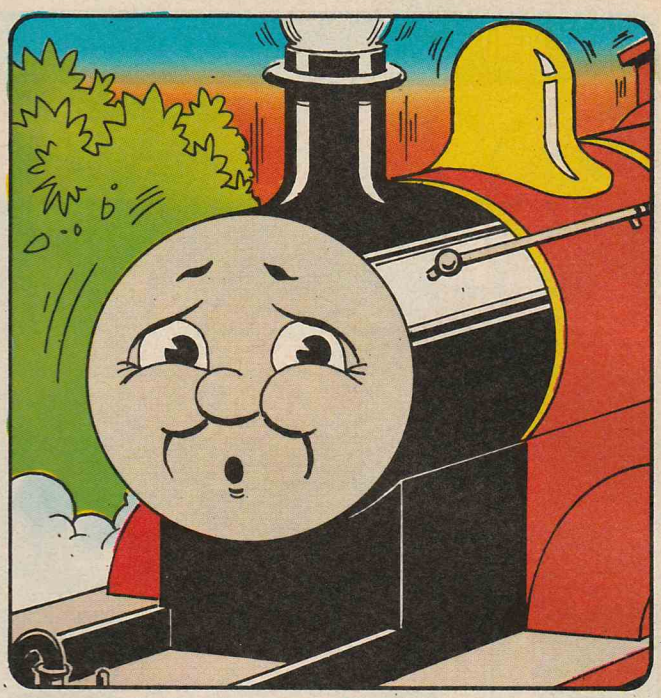



1. It was a clear day on the Island of Sodor with just a few small clouds dotted in the sky. You would never guess that the night before there had been gale force winds!

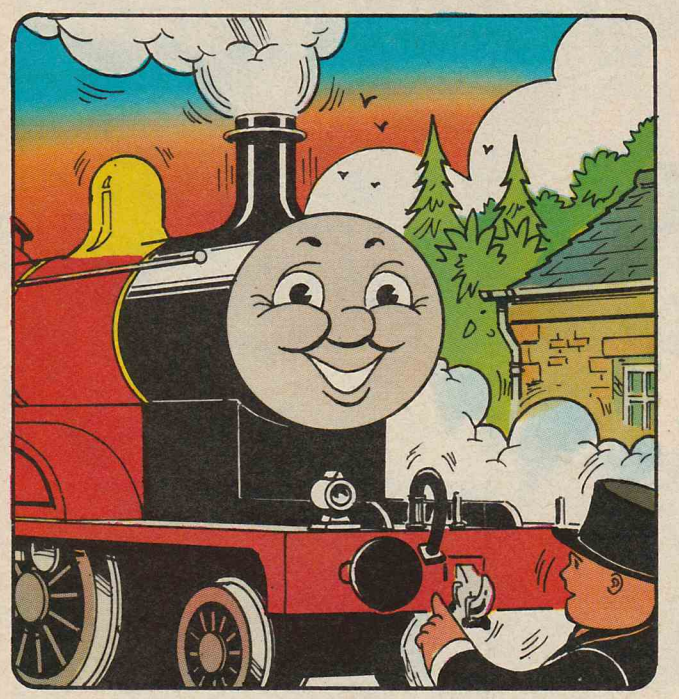
2. The winds had blown the telephone lines down. The Fat Controller wanted Duck to come up from the Big Harbour, but couldn't telephone Duck's driver to tell him.



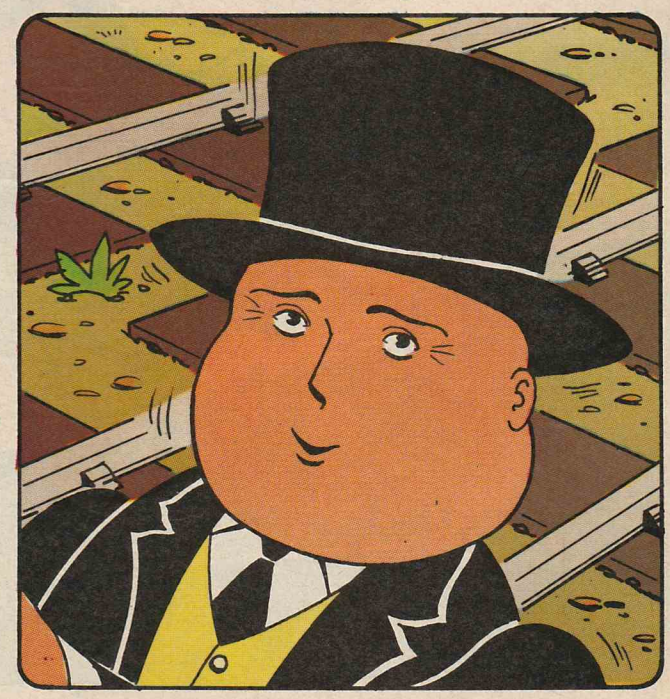
3. Meanwhile, James was getting ready to go to the Big Harbour. He was in the yard collecting his trucks. The trucks were being naughty, bumping poor James.



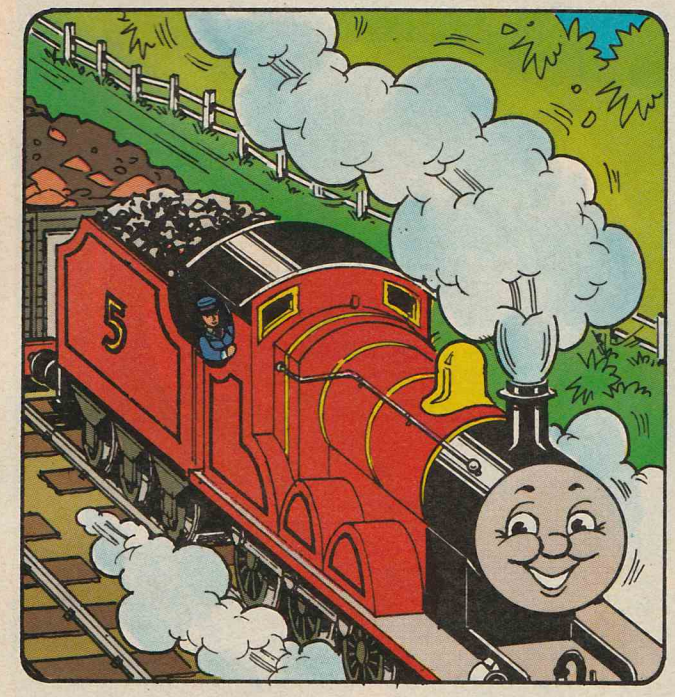
4. James was just about to teach the naughty trucks a lesson by giving **them** a big bump, when he saw the Fat Controller walking towards him with a message.



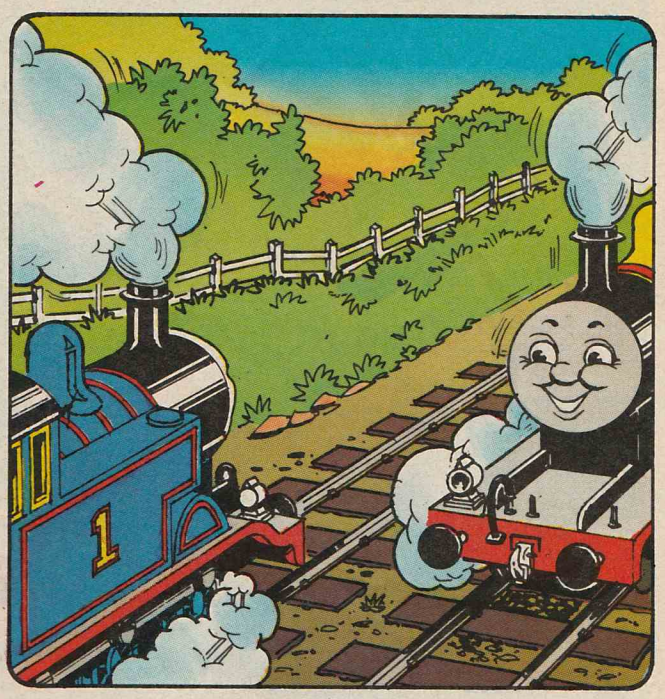
5. "As you are going to the Big harbour today, James," said the Fat Controller, "I would like you to take a message down there for me, as the telephones are not working."



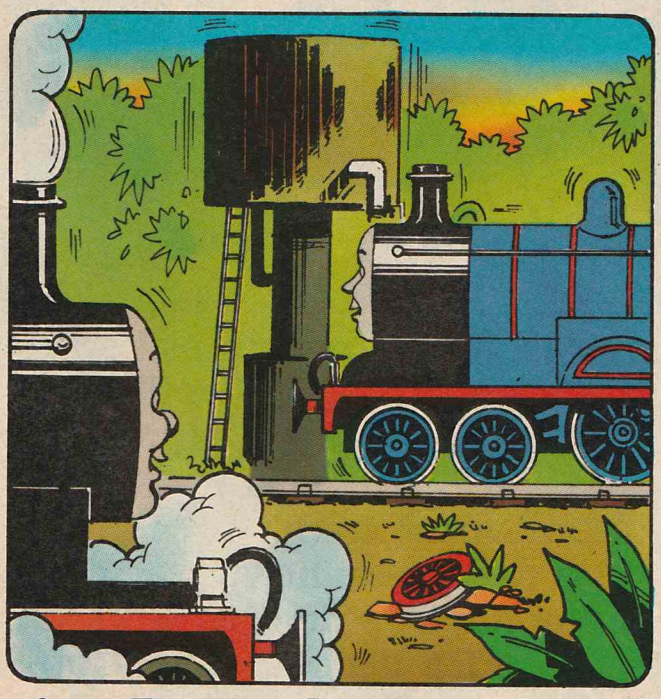
6. "Yes, sir," said James. "What is the message, sir?" "Tell the stationmaster at the Big Harbour to send Duck to the Main Station," the Fat Controller said.



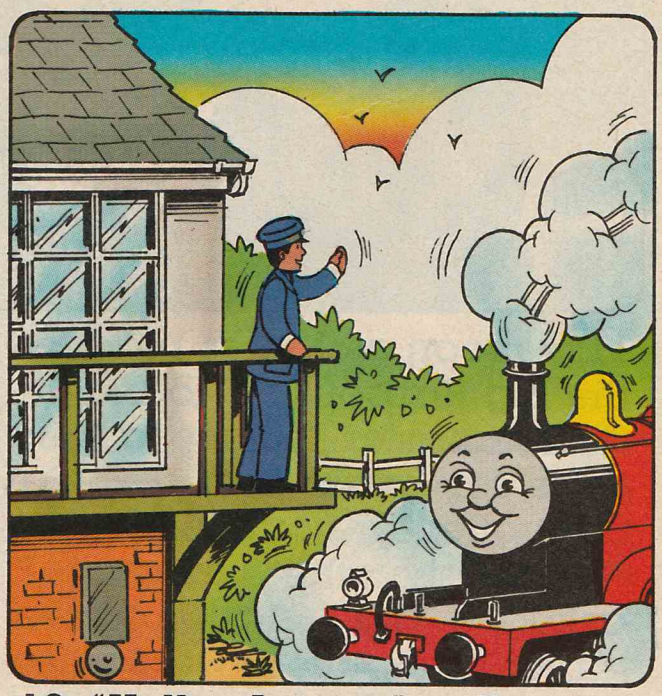

7. "A message for Duck! A message for Duck!" sang James as he raced towards the Big Harbour. "You mustn't forget! You mustn't forget!" replied the trucks cheekily.




8. Then they heard Thomas approaching with the seaside train. "Hullo, James!" peeped Thomas. James replied, "Hello" then mumbled, "a message for Duck!"



9. Then James passed Edward who was drinking from the water tower. "Hello, James," whistled Edward. But James was too busy thinking of his important message.



10. "Hello, James," called the signalmen as he passed their junction. But James wasn't listening. "A message for Duck! A message for Duck!" he sang out loud.

11. As soon as James reached the Big Harbour he found the stationmaster. "I have a message for Duck, from the Fat Controller," announced James. "What is the message?" asked the stationmaster. "Er, er," puffed James. James had forgotten the important message. All he could remember was 'A message for Duck!'

12. "Don't worry James," said the stationmaster. "I will telephone the Fat Controller." "But sir," said James, "the telephones aren't working!" "The engineers have mended them now," said the stationmaster. He rang the Fat Controller and was given the message. "I **am** pleased the telephones are working again," smiled James.



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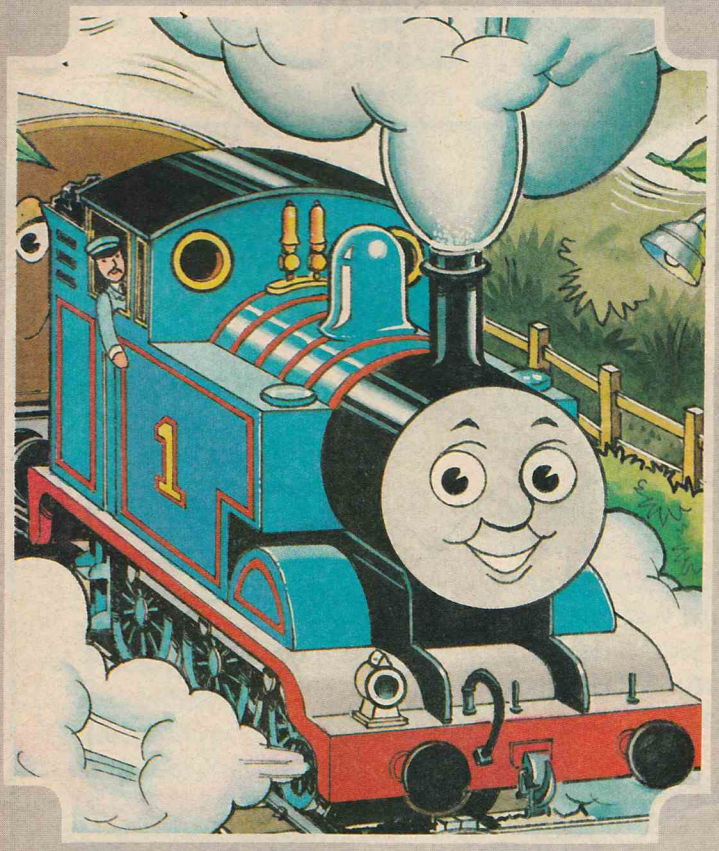


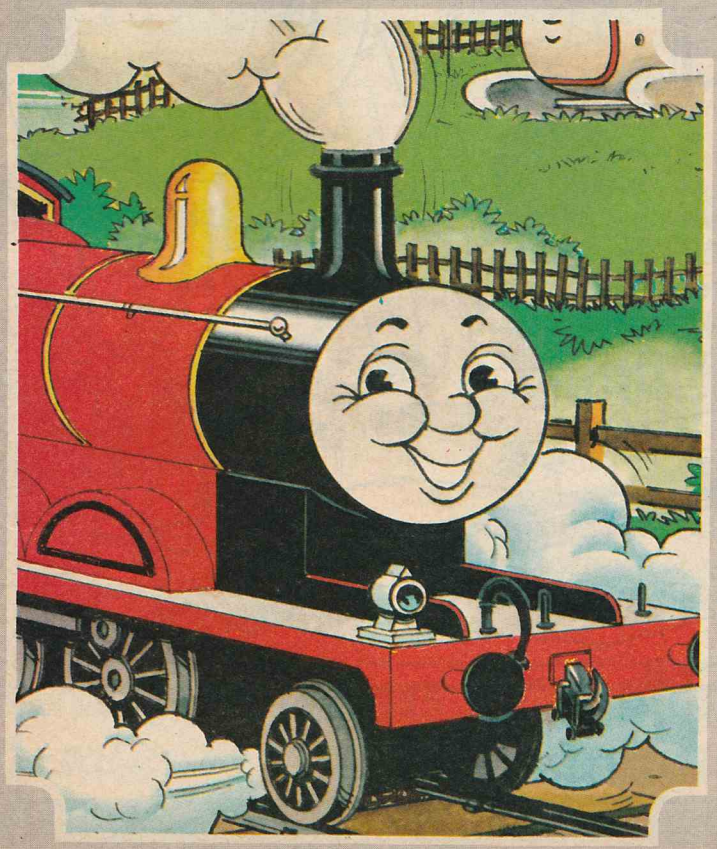

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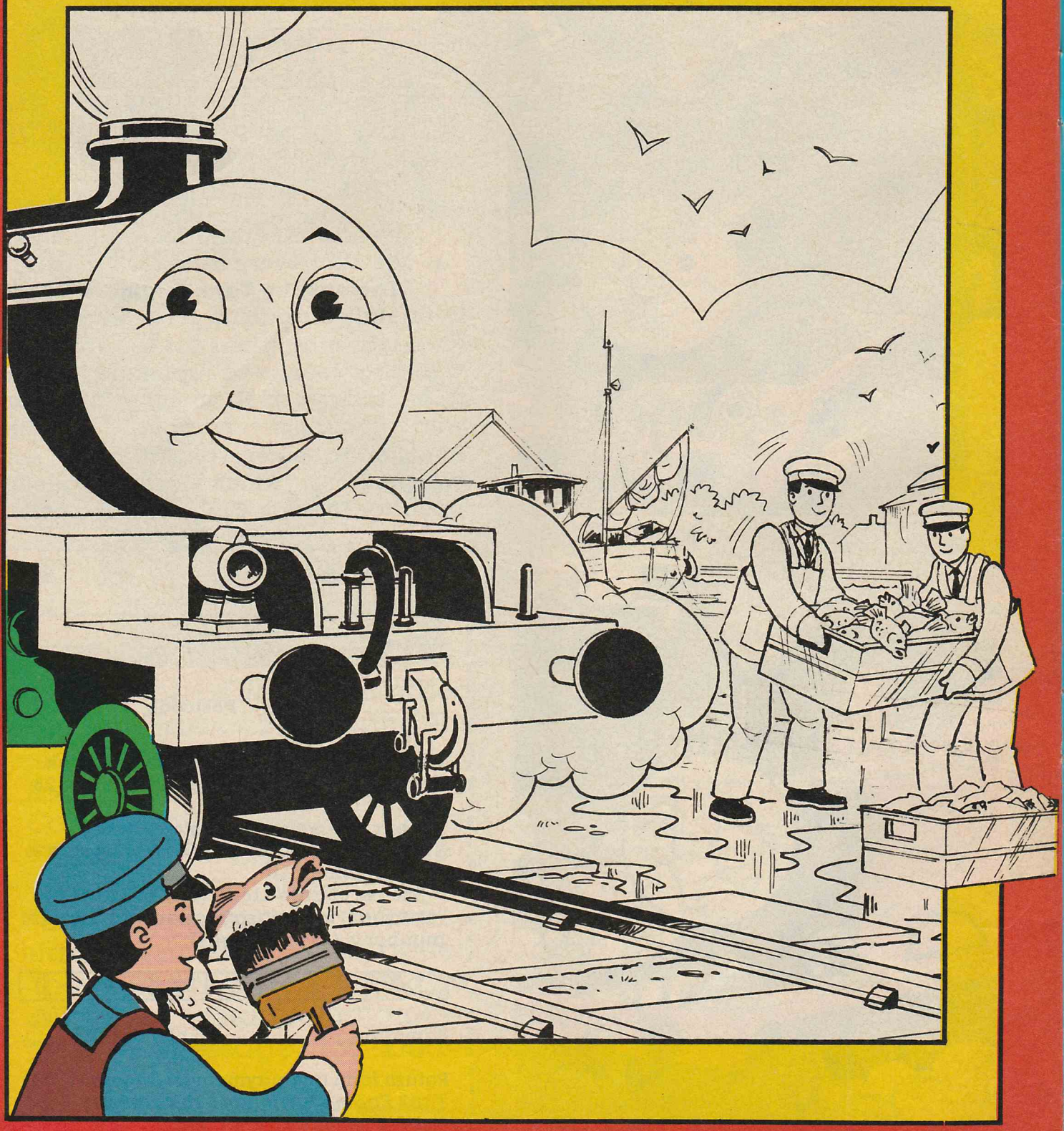

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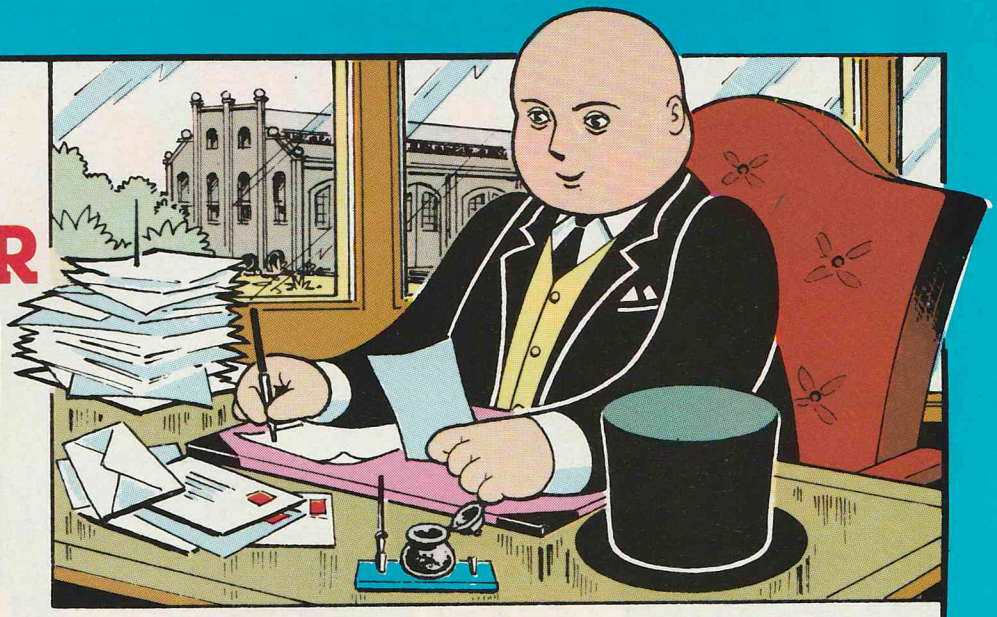

**Have you got an amusing story to tell? Do you have a question you would like to ask about Thomas – or any of the other engines? Then why not write to me at the address below? I should be so very pleased to hear from you!**

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## STAR LETTER!

**Dear Fat Controller**

We have just come back from our holidays in Malta. While we were there we saw an engine that was exactly the same shape as Duck! He was working down by the sea. Did Duck go to Malta for his holidays?

Love from **Stella**, aged 4.

***Gracious me!*** *It certainly could not have been Duck, because he has been far too busy on the Island of Sodor! Maybe it was one of his distant relatives you saw!*

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**Stella wins a splendid Thomas the Tank Engine lunchbox and carry flask – *from Bluebird Toys (UK) Ltd.***

## SPLENDID CELEBRATION!

**Dear Fat Controller**

When I had my birthday party, it was held in an old railway carriage at an old station which is now open for visitors. My cake looked just like **Gordon the Blue Engine** and all of my friends enjoyed themselves!

Lots of love from **Edward**, aged 4.

***Upon my soul!*** *That must have been a very special birthday celebration for you! One that you will remember for a very long time, no doubt!*

## MAKE THE SHED!

**Dear Fat Controller**

I have got lots of toy engines! I thought you might like to know how easy it is to make an engine shed out of an old shoe box! All you have to do is turn it upside down and cut out some 'U' shapes. It's best to get a grown-up to help too!

Love from **Christopher**.

***What a splendid idea!*** *It will be an ideal place to put your toy engines in at night – rather like my railway, I should say!*

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

**A very special belated birthday greeting goes to Martin Shipman (29066).**

**Jonathon Priday (14215), Michael Grass, George Partridge, Kim Partridge, Adam Parmenter (33060), Michael James Precious (18373), Adam William Gardiner (9851), Rhianon Holley (16210), David Hughes (11107), Reuben Moss (32358), Craig Jeffries, Liam Kelly, Neil Bellshaw, Kristian Dawe (31595), Robert Sharman (17400), Daniel Tupling, Alexandra Tupling, Nicky Hugo (32846), Micky Smith, Christopher Hind, Joseph Milner (31887), Martin James Fryett, Martin Murry, Nicholas Gould (3953), Anthony Slade, Thomas Knight (33567), Matthew John Gale (33078), Steven Flynn (5950), Michael Sullivan, Suzanne Jones and Matthew James Rogers (26805).**

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Sir Topham Hatt

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